

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4, 11 and 13 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 5-10 and 12 have been canceled. Claim 13 has been added. No new matter has been introduced.

In response to the May 16, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect for continued prosecution of the Group I claims (claims 1 – 4 and 11), without traverse. The Group I claims are drawn to a singing voice-synthesizing method, apparatus and storage medium for storing a program, wherein generation of a first singing voice and a second singing voice is continued for a singing duration time of a first phoneme and a singing duration time of a second phoneme.

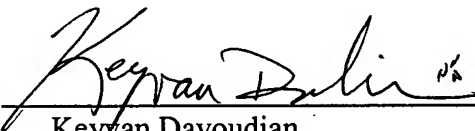
Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to improve form. Claim 13 has been added and is believed to maintain consonance with claim 11.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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